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Dr. Joshua Lederberg,  
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

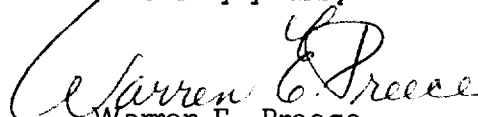
For a forthcoming printing of Encyclopaedia Britannica we plan to revise completely the article EUGENICS. The current article avoids the controversial aspects of this topic, dealing exclusively with the biological basis for an understanding of eugenics. We should like to correct this deficiency and provide a lively statement that includes, in addition to the biological basis, the provocative legal, social, and ethical aspects. We would like to bring to our readers some of the interest and excitement that you and your colleagues generated at the Ciba Symposium "Man and His Future," held a few years ago.

We wonder whether you would be good enough to comment on the feasibility of the following plan. We propose to invite a proponent of the eugenics program to prepare a positive statement; then invite an opponent to answer the issues raised in the opening argument. (There will be an opportunity for rebuttal and rerebuttal.) We shall have both manuscripts reviewed and commented on by a referee who will also prepare introductory and concluding remarks.

Do you think such a plan can be executed with a chance of achieving an instructional and entertaining exchange of viewpoints? If you feel that this approach is feasible, would you yourself be willing to participate in any of the roles? Can you provide us with the names of prospective contributors for an article of this sort?

We would greatly appreciate the benefit of your counsel, and hopefully look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Warren E. Preece  
Editor

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